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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY RESOLUTION ON ALLEGED CIA
ACTIVITIES

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE ALP PASSED THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION ON MAY 22, 1977:

BEGIN TEXT: "THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR
PARTY NOTING ALLEGATIONS MADE DURING THE PAST MONTH THAT THE
UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS ENGAGED IN IM-
PROPER ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING DECEPTION OF THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO THE OPERATIONS
OF THE JOINT DEFENCE SPACE RESEARCH FACILITY, MANIPULATION OF
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POLITICAL EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA IN 1975, CHANNELLING OF FUNDS
TO AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTERFERENCE IN
TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA;
"FURTHER NOTING THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS EMANATE FROM A VARIETY
OF SOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
AUSTRALIA;
"RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH

THE INTEGRITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT ON WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE BASED;
"BELIEVING THAT ANY IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA BY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES SHOULD BE A CAUSE OF THE DEEPEST CONCERN TO ANY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND ENDORSING IN THIS CONTEXT THE STATEMENT MADE BY MR. JUSTICE HOPE IN HIS THIRD REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY THAT 'AUSTRALIA'S INTELLIGENCE INTERESTS DO NOT AND CANNOT COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY';

"NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PLEDGED TO END ABUSES BY UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER COUNTRIES;

"FURTHER NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE HAS CALLED FOR A REPORT FROM THE CIA ON ITS ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA;

"1. INVITES THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE FULLY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA IN AUSTRALIA AND TO REPORT PUBLICLY ON ANY IMPROPRIETIES WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED AND

"2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT SUCH INVESTIGATIONS WILL INCLUDE FULL EXAMINATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS ALREADY MADE AND THE RECEIPT OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE SUCH ALLEGATIONS."

END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: RICHARD BUTLER, PERSONAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO GOUGH WHITLAM, VISITED THE POLCOUNS TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS WAS WHITLAM'S PERSONAL DRAFT DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE LEFT-WING OF THE ALP MOVING A RESOLUTION MUCH MORE CRITICAL OF THE U.S. BUTLER TERMED IT A RESPONSIBLE, SOBER RESOLUTION WHICH DID NOT QUESTION THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA AND DID NOT CHALLENGE THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP IN INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE. WHITLAM WANTED IT TO "CLEAR THE DECKS" SO THAT U.S.-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS COULD RETURN TO NORMAL.

3. THE ALP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE PASSED THREE ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CIA AT THE SAME MEETING. THEY CALLED FOR: A) TRADE UNIONS TO REPORT ANY CIA APPROACHES TO THEM OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS; B) JUSTICE HOPE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO CIA ALLEGATIONS; AND C) A GENERAL RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY ALP SENATE OPPOSITION LEADER WREIDT DEPLORING ANY ACTIONS OF ANY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA. END COMMENT.

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